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“Hope and a Future”

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been really proud of the Year 5 and 6 children as they sat their practice SATs papers. Although the children have sat practice papers before, this was the first time that have sat in the hall, in exam conditions. We would like to express the importance of the children not being worried over these papers, they are purely to support the children in getting used to the procedures and routines of sitting the week, as well as the layout style of the papers.

We have arranged a football match afternoon for Thursday 29th February for the children in Year 3 and 4, who wish to take part. Kick-off will be at 1.15pm. The back gate will be open from 1.10pm if you wish to come and cheer the children on! A match for the children in Years 5 and 6 will be arranged for the Summer Term, after SATs have taken place.

You should, by now, have received your parents' evening slip, confirming the time you have been allocated. During these parents' evening meetings, we will be discussing your child's progress. It is therefore important that you arrive 15 minutes before your allocated start time to look at your child's books. Appointment times are a maximum of 10 minutes. If you are no longer able to make your appointment, please call the school office as soon as possible.

We have had complaints from local residents about cars being parked irresponsibly, blocking driveways and obstructing pavements. Please ensure that you park responsibly and be mindful of keeping the pavements clear for buggies, pushchairs and users of mobility aids.

We look forward to seeing the children coming to school wearing something that makes them happy on Monday! We are excited about our week of activities to mark Children's Mental Health Week. It will also be a busy week with Superstars and Indoor Tennis taking place for some pupils at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Stadium, Greek Day for years 5/6 *and* a celebration of Chinese New Year! This half-term has been flying past and we can't believe it is only two weeks until the holidays!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M Taylor (Executive Headteacher, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL) & Miss J Bailey (Head of School, BA Hons, PGCE).

TERM DATES:

Term Dates

- 5th-11th Feb: Children's Mental Health Week
- 5th Feb: Year 4 Superstars Event at CSAC
- 5th Feb: Wear something that makes you happy
- 7th Feb: Indoor Tennis at CSAC (selected pupils from Year 3-4)
- 8th Feb: Greek Day for Year 5-6 (in school)
- 9th Feb: No Celebration Assembly**
- 12th Feb: Parents' Evening
- 13th Feb: PTA Pancakes 3pm & 4pm in the gazebo
- 14th Feb: Year 3-4 class assembly 2.30pm (note change of date from the 15th)
- 15th Feb: Year 5-6 class assembly 9am
- 29th Feb: Year 3-4 football match against Roxwell and Margaretting 1.15pm (all parents welcome)
- 7th March: World Book Day
- 7th March: Cross Country race 4
- 8th March: PTA 'Women We Love' event (**no Celebration Assembly**)
- 18th March: Year 3-4 visit to British Museum
- 22nd May: Year 5-6 USA topic day
- 28th March: PTA Easter Egg hunt
- 28th March: Easter service in Church 2.30pm
- 18th April: Year 1-2 class assembly
- 13th-16th May: KS2 SATs
- 3rd June: INSET day
- 4th June: Year 4 Multiplication Check
- 4th June: Class photos
- 5th June: Year 2 Mini-Games at CSAC
- 10th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 14th June: PTA Dads' bacon rolls/cuppa
- 17th June: Schools Gotta Dance 7pm
- 18th June: EYFS Dinosaur morning (in school)
- 20th June: Year 3-4 Circus skills workshop (in school)
- 21st June: Non-uniform day in return for bottle for fete

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TELL ME ABOUT
YOUR DAY

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST
STRESS / WORRY IN YOUR
LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK
TO IF YOU WERE FEELING
WORRIED ABOUT YOUR
MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT WAS THE BEST
THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT'S YOUR
ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHAT CAN I DO
TO HELP YOU?

MY VOICE MATTERS

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters".

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

[For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCGi8](https://bit.ly/3PzCGi8)

[For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK](https://bit.ly/3LBD2wK)

[CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

Awards:

Star Of The Week: Phoebe, Kaylee, Albie H, Albie C

Reader Of The Week: Bella, Taylor, Elliott, Flynn

Golden Work: Jessica, Domas, Joshua

Headteacher's Cup: Harry

Zoe LIFE Trust Values Award: Monty

Housepoints:

Ash: 77

Chestnut: **118**

Oak: 83

Willow: 92

